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Re: RECLAMATION REQUIREMENT
Jackpile-Paguate Uranium Mine
The Anaconda Company

Dear Mr. Gray:

Thank you for the April 24th discussions and April 27th inspection of the reclamation at the Jackpile-Paguate Mine. They were very helpful in clearing up some of the questions I had concerning Anaconda's reclamation plan.

I fully realize that reclamation of the mine is a difficult and expensive proposition and that the lack of similar reclamation work in New Mexico makes trial and error the most viable procedure in many cases. To date Anaconda has done a good job. However, certain sections of the reclamation plan need further elaboration and it will be necessary to perform additional environmental monitoring to establish the necessary reclamation procedures. In this light, the enclosed requirements are presented. You have previously indicated that some of the required information has already been compiled and that much of the monitoring has been contemplated. I hope the additional requirements will not be too burdensome. If you have any questions, please contact me.

Sincerely yours,

Marc Nelson
Environmental Scientist, SRMA

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